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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE:—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

LONDON AGENCY:—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS:—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHIEF DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman:—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
Deputy Chairman:—AD. ANDRE, Esq.
J. F. CORBET, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MCLIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong: JAMES GREGG, Esq.
Shanghai: EWEY CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREGG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HONGKONG

HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1876.

THE ANNUAL Flower, Fruit, and Vegetable Show will be held in the PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th instants. Open to Visitors on each day at 2 p.m. Intending Exhibitors are invited to send Plants in Pots on the 17th instants, and Vegetables and Cut Flowers before 10 a.m. on the 18th instants. By kind permission of the Colonial and Officers of H. M.'s 25th Regiment, the Band will play.
Admission:—50 cents by tickets obtainable at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'s, or by Payment at the Gate.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1619

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMBAUD will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors.

Q. BERTRAND.
Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. SIDNEY DRACON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1876. 1607

NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

E. MEYER & Co.
Tientsin, January 1876. 1618

NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Ha Noi. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELLAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1876. 1608

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the first day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked on the covers, "Tenders for my Contract," will be received by the undersigned until Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., for the undermentioned SUPPLIES AND SERVICES required by the War Department at Hongkong and Outposts, during the year from the 1st April, 1876, to the 31st Mar., 1877, viz:—

- 1.—For Her Majesty's Troops:—Provisions, Fuel and Light, &c., &c.
- 2.—For Hospitals:—Provisions, Wines, Porter, Ale, Spirits, &c., &c.
- 3.—Washing and Repairing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Clothing; Repairing Utensils.
- 4.—Cleaning the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments, and other Scavengers' work; also Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c.; Sweeping Chimneys, Flues and Stove Pipes.
- 5.—Cleaning Nullahs.

These will be separate Tenders for each of the five items. No tender will be accepted from any person in Government employ.
Samples of certain of the articles required, in accordance with which supplies must be furnished, can be seen at this office; where also Forms of Tender (no other than those issued by the Department will be recognized), conditions of contract, Specification and plan of the Scavenging Contract; and any further information that may be required, can be obtained upon application between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

C. R. SHERVINGTON,
Lieut.-Colonel, Assistant Controller,
Control Office.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors, for the Year ending 31st December, 1875.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.
By Order.

J. A. B. COUGHRAN, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 26, 1876. 1618

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.
By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1628

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.
By Order,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. 1629

WANTED, to CHARTER, a VESSEL to carry 300 to 500 Tons large Takasima Coal, either from Hongkong or Nagasaki to Providence Bay, Bohring's Straits, in Lat. 64 deg. 22m. 30.7s. N., Long. 173 deg. 17m. 15.5s. W. To arrive about 15th June.

Vendors cannot be received after 21st instant.

For Particulars, apply, between 9 and 11 a.m. to

Captain NOVOSILSKY, H.R.M.S. "YASIMICK."
Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1622

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or 88 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after THURSDAY, the 27th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, (will be absent at Canton for a few days from the 28th instant.)
Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

OFFICERS' MESS, 28th REGT.

THE Officers 28th Regt. will not hold themselves Responsible for any Debts contracted by their Messman.

By Order,
FRANCOIS E. WEBB, Capt. & Mess President.

Murray Barracks, Hongkong, February 15, 1876. 1623

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS, AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Hoard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$300.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANGCHAI.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 691.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

PARK LOT 17, POKFULUM, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$36.

AT KOWLOON:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Redeemed Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

Lots No. 8 and No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 8 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outbuildings. Area 1,064 Taubos of 38 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.70.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floor Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Taubos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITFALL, T. G. LINDSEAD, Trustees A. Hoard & Co. N. 7, 39, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

SOME very superior OLD PORT WINE, just received, in cases of One or Two Dozen bottles each.

Apply to
J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 1621

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, Bt., G.C.M.G., &c.
THE French "OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and RANGOON, Will give their last Performance but one, on

This Evening.

February 17th, 1876.

"Mr. Choudhuri restera chez lui le"
Operette Bouffe, Music by Offenbach.
Choudhuri, Mr. Ponet
Babilas, Mr. Legros
Ernestine, Madame Doris
"LES NOCES DE JEANNETTE,"
Opera Comique Music by Victor Massé.
Jéas, Madame Doris
Jeanette, Madame Doris
"ADMISSION:—Boxes Circles and Stalls, \$2; Back Seats, \$1.
Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance to commence at 9.
Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KAHN & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE THIRD CONCERT of the Season will be given in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY EVENING, February 22nd, commencing at 9 o'clock.

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATURDAY Next.

ROBERT G. ALFORD, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1620

Auctions.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 18th February, 1876, at Noon,—

Sauces, Pickles, Sardines, Files, Vases, Penholders, Lamps.

25 cases Swaine, Board's Old Tom.

25 cases Jules Robin & Co.'s Cognac.

25 boxes Turpentine.

100 boxes Window Glass.

100 Long Enfield Rifles.

Red Copper Sheets.

Iron Plates.

Sheet Zinc and Sheet Lead.

100 casks Portland Cement.

do., do., do.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1876. 1618

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO-

NIAL MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE, PIANO,

do., do., do.

THE undersigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 26th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Ida Wild," owing to change of residence,—

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Cases, Dining Table, Side Board, Whittens, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

do., do., do.

A Cottage PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. 1625

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK PHAETON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, CAMELLIAS, ROSES, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD.

The Residence of the Honourable T. O. HAYLLAR, Esq.,—

The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

Handsomely Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Marone Morocco Covered COUCHES and CHAIRS, Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES, and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu CHEFFONIER, and Japanese CABINETS, Handsome Mantelpiece MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, CHROMO-LITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPET, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Gasaliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porcelain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whistnols, Chairs, Clocks, Plated Candlesticks.

Handsome Gilt BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Glasses, Crystal Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps.

do., do., do.

A GRAND PIANO by J. BROADWOOD & Sons, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PHAETON, by HENRY, with a pair of WHITE PONIES, and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on MONDAY, the 28th February, 1876.

do., do., do.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. 1629

Shipping.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer

"BOWEN,"

Captain S. PARK, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1876. 1618

FOR COOKTOWN (DIRECT.)

The Steamship

"NAMO,"

Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAKE & Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. 1619

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"

will be despatched on or about the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. 1626

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises, Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas, Fancy Dress materials of all kinds, Wool Plaids and Flannels, Silks and Poplins, Wool Shawls and Cloaks, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets, Fancy Wool Goods, Lace and Linen Sets, Scarves and Sashes, Boys' Suits, Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

Intimations.

HOTEL DES COLONIES, SHANGHAI.

LES Propriétaires de l'Hotel des Colonies ont l'honneur d'informer M. M. les Voyageurs qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont le haut renom est si bien connu, une nouvelle maison, attenante, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres splendides réunissant tout le confortable, désirable, et les Chambres pour familles, Salles de Bain, &c., &c. Voitures à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billard et la Barre sont complétement séparés de l'Hotel ce qui est une sécurité pour le bien être des visiteurs.

Les soins les plus minutieux apportés dans tous les services sont une garantie pour M. M. les Voyageurs dont le patronage est sollicité.

A. SOISSON & Co.,
Propriétaires,
Shanghai, le 10 Février, 1876. m16

TENDERS are invited up to the 18th Instant, at Noon, for Hauling up for Examination and making the necessary Repairs to the British Barque *James Vintcomb*. Also for the supply of such Yellow Metal and Nails (Vintcomb) as may be required.

Apply to
Capt. MOPHERSON.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. m19

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. LORD OF THE ISLES, FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, by Mr. A. MOGHEAN, into the Godowns of Messrs Gilman & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1876. m22

GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA," TROCHET, Master, FROM HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under- signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 16th Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. FUSHAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 16, 1876. m24

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. S. STENTON, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Under- signed not later than the 20th Inst., for shipment per S. S. *Stenton*.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 10, 1876. m20

BRITISH BARK MARINA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for counter- signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ABNEHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for counter- signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ULYSSES" will be despatched at Noon, TO-MORROW, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. m18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW, The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Captain BURNIE, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARLICK & Co.,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. m20

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MALACCA,"

will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the *Tehran* with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "TEHRAN,"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

TENDERS are invited up to Noon of the 21st Instant, for the Removal of the Old Foremast of the "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," and for Replacing it by a New One.

Apply to
THE BORNEO CO. LIMITED,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. m21

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediter-
ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;
Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *GOLCONDA*, Captain C. ANDERSON, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Cargo, and Mail, will leave this for the above places, on THURSDAY, the 18th March, at Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon. SPEELS and PARCELS at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 1st Idem.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe, through Suez, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 17, 1876. m22

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 17, *Ulysses*, British steamer, 1230, Kyle, Nagasaki Feb. 12, Coals.—JARDINE, Matheson & Co.

Feb. 17, *Bayan*, Russian man-of-war, 1,000, Tiflis, Canton 17th.

Feb. 17, *Messa*, Brit. str., 637, Johnson, Saigon Feb. 11, Kioe.—HOR KEE.

Feb. 17, *Cunarder*, for Singapore, &c. 17, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.

17, *London*, for Shanghai.

17, *Rajah*, for Swatow.

17, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.

17, *Riga*, for Swatow.

17, *Pardo*, for Saigon.

17, *Estopona*, for Saigon.

17, *Peking*, for Canton.

17, *Peng-chao-hai*, for a cruise.

CHINA, for Shanghai via Ningpo, 17, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.

17, *London*, for Bangkok.

17, *Fortune*, for Bangkok.

17, *Johann Smith*, for Koolung.

17, *Lord of the Isles*, for Shanghai.

17, *Ulysses*, for Singapore, &c.

17, *Bellona*, for Shanghai.

CHINA, for Shanghai via Ningpo, 17, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.

17, *London*, for Bangkok.

17, *Fortune*, for Bangkok.

17, *Johann Smith*, for Koolung.

17, *Lord of the Isles*, for Shanghai.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 17, *Ulysses*, British steamer, 1230, Kyle, Nagasaki Feb. 12, Coals.—JARDINE, Matheson & Co.

Feb. 17, *Bayan*, Russian man-of-war, 1,000, Tiflis, Canton 17th.

Feb. 17, *Messa*, Brit. str., 637, Johnson, Saigon Feb. 11, Kioe.—HOR KEE.

Feb. 17, *Cunarder*, for Singapore, &c. 17, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.

17, *London*, for Shanghai.

17, *Rajah*, for Swatow.

17, *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, &c.

17, *Riga*, for Swatow.

17, *Pardo*, for Saigon.

17, *Estopona*, for Saigon.

17, *Peking*, for Canton.

17, *Peng-chao-hai*, for a cruise.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Ulysses* leaves for London.

Noon.—*Bowen* leaves for Cocktown, Sydney and Melbourne.

Auctions.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale, by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Miscellaneous.

2 p.m.—Horticultural Show in Public Gardens.

Dividend of \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125 of H. K. & S. Banking Corporation, payable at the Bank.

Meeting.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.55 p.m.

DEATH.

At East Point, on Wednesday, the 16th Inst., at Midnight, Mr. SAMUEL EASTON, Engineer.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1876.

THE *Overland Mail* has a somewhat stirring article on the subject of the Tonnage dues, and draws attention to the way in which the moneys received under that head have been diverted from their proper object by the Chinese authorities. We can answer one question it puts, however, though the answer we fear will not do much towards clearing up the matter. The writer says—

We know that a certain amount has been expended on the erection of beacons and lightships, and the distribution of buoys and lightships—matters on which consuls and superintendents of customs are supposed to consult together as occasion may demand, though we fear that this provision of Lord Egin's treaty, like many others, is more honoured in the breach than in the observance; but where does the mighty credit balance go? It is certainly not spent in dredging harbours, and more particularly bars—as a large portion of it decidedly ought to be; for tonnage dues, after payment of reasonable expenses, should in one way or another be wholly devoted to the service of navigation.

Well, the "mighty credit balance" goes into the provincial treasuries, and as a rule we fancy stops there—until the provincial officials make use of it. Every now and then some account is ordered to be paid out of the tonnage dues—fund, and it is paid accordingly. But the bulk of the money is either expended in paying officials, or finds its way by an indirect route to Peking. No doubt this ought to be accounted for. But we fancy that the *Overland Mail* overlooks the creditable amount of work which has been done by the Lighthouse department since Mr. Hart took the matter in hand. So far as we can estimate, about one half of the dues have, since the return of Mr. Burlingame's mission, been honestly expended in maintaining the staff, keeping up three gunboats, erecting lightships and beacons and laying down buoys. This, of course, is only half the work. Bars have yet to be dredged, and a good deal has yet to be done in other ways. But it is only fair to recognize to the full extent what has already been accomplished.

One point is entirely lost sight of by our home contemporary. "It is," it says, "almost incredible that the Chinese should have been allowed to leave matters in this disgraceful state for so many years." Not so incredible as it seems, if it be recollected that China does not want either our ships or their tonnage dues, or the improvements to which the latter should be devoted. We are not here contending with the mere inertia of native laziness. The opposition is even deeper than that arising from aversion. Even supposing we offered to bear all the cost, we doubt if China would willingly consent to dredge her bars and aid navigation to the fullest extent. It is not merely a question of money. The astute Chinaman is perfectly well aware that the Wusung and Taku bars form natural defenses against large draught vessels of war, and memorials to that effect have already been published in the *Peking Gazette*. This fact must be remembered in dealing with the question of the appropriation of the tonnage dues. Still there is much in the article under notice that will commend itself to public attention, and we shall be glad if it has some effect. It is yet possible that if reform does not take place, foreign vessels will refuse to pay the dues, and that such action will be sustained by our authorities.

"No great object," said an old diplomatist, "was ever achieved without enthusiasm," and the members of the Peace Society are laudably anxious to verify the aphorism. Unfortunately however this admirable quality is not always well directed, and the Society in question is conspicuous for its inattention to what a lawyer would call the rules of evidence. We have received from its Secretary two articles, which we presume are reprints from some journals, or more probably from the columns of its own organ, with a request for their insertion in the *China Mail*. That we do not see fit to comply with it, is owing to no want of respect for the end at which the Society aims.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The *Press* remarks that, although it is by no means certain that the Yunnan investigation will not result merely in the condemnation of unimportant criminals, the degradation of Li Sitai is a rather more hopeful sign, and may be taken as an indication that the Chinese Government is conscious that Great Britain cannot be trifled with any further.

With regard to the safety of the Hon. W. Grosvenor and his colleagues, there is no longer cause for much anxiety. The British Government have made known their intention to send troops through Burma to meet them, and this guard will not only suffice for their protection but will give them added influence and weight at the inquiry in Yunnan. Lo Han Chang has undoubtedly shown a disposition to do his work in an off-hand manner. In fact it is almost a wonder he has not gone much further and settled the affair, according to his own ideas, without more ado, leaving nothing for his British colleagues to do or say on their arrival but to acquiesce, or not, as they might think proper, in his work. But this may have arisen rather from ignorance than ill will. At all events the British Government has made known its demands and intends to exact their honest fulfillment. Whether the Chinese authorities fully recognize this fact or not it is impossible to say with certainty; but the action taken with respect to Li Sitai would seem to imply that they have done so.

The *Press* concludes by noting the activity displayed by the Chinese in arming themselves, and thinks this fact may have had an influence on the tone now adopted by our Home Government.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Feb. 19:—

Noon.—*Namoo* leaves for Cocktown (direct).

Noon.—Tenders for Army Contracts received by the Assistant Controller.

Tenders for the Repairs of the British Bark *James Vintcomb*, will be received by Capt. Moperson up to Noon.

2 p.m.—Horticultural Show.

STURDAY, Feb. 20:—

Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.

The *Chinese Mail* gives all the rumours of the preparations of war in Japan as they are published in the foreign papers. It gives a translation of the report of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, and says a share in it is a very good investment. It recommends the Chinese to go to see the Flower Show and to

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